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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, DON DUNSTAN, AT THE OPENING OF A ONE-DAY  
SEMINAR CONDUCTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE OF VALUERS,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, AT ROSSMAN'S THEATRE, GAYVILLE,  
9.15 A.M., FRIDAY, 31ST JULY, 1970.

IT IS WITH CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE THAT I ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF YOUR INSTITUTE TO OPEN THIS ONE-DAY SEMINAR. I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE THEME FOR DISCUSSION IS "THE CHANGING SCENE". WE CERTAINLY LIVE IN A WORLD OF CHANGE TODAY AND THIS MUST ALWAYS BE. IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL THAT WE CANNOT STAND STILL AND JUST MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO. WE EITHER CHANGE THROUGH DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OR WE CHANGE THROUGH DECAY. IT IS CERTAINLY MY GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION THAT SOUTH AUSTRALIA WILL CHANGE BY DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS, AND I AM PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE OF VALUERS RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO BE EVER PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF DEVELOPMENT AS THEY OCCUR. MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE NOTED RECENT STATEMENTS I

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HAVE MADE ON PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO REPEAT THEM AGAIN TODAY. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE WHICH WILL AFFECT LAND AND BUILDINGS AND IT WILL THEREFORE INVOLVE THE SERVICES OF VALUERS.

LAND AND BUILDINGS ARE ALMOST FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR WAY OF LIFE AND FUNDAMENTAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRY. ALTHOUGH VALUERS ARE GENERALLY ENGAGED IN THE ASSESSMENT OF IMPERSONAL THINGS, THE RESULT OF THEIR WORK VITALLY AFFECTS THE INDIVIDUALS WHO COMPRISE OUR COMMUNITY. IF ONE HAD ANY DOUBT OF THIS, A GLANCE AT THE VOLUME OF LETTERS WHICH PASSED OVER MY DESK RELATING TO VALUATIONS FOR RATING PURPOSES WOULD SOON ESTABLISH THIS FACT. IT IS THEREFORE OF IMPORTANCE THAT THERE ALWAYS BE A HIGH STANDARD OF INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OF VALUERS IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR BUSINESS, AND THIS I KNOW IS AN OBJECTIVE WHICH YOUR INSTITUTE PURSUES AT ALL TIMES.

I MENTIONED EARLIER THE PLANS WE HAVE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND THE NEED FOR VALUERS TO COPE WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT. I KNOW THAT YOUR INSTITUTE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND LAST YEAR A NEW COURSE COMMENCED AT THE INSTITUTE FOR THE TRAINING OF VALUERS. I HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE THE MEANS OF ATTRACTING TO YOUR PROFESSION AN INCREASING NUMBER OF QUALIFIED VALUERS. I KNOW THAT THE NEED ALREADY EXISTS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE SERVICES OF ADDITIONAL VALUERS AND THE NEED WILL, I BELIEVE, BE GREATER IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA WE HAVE MOVED IN RECENT YEARS IN RECOGNISING THE HIGHER STATUS OF VALUERS, AND OUR LEGISLATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VALUERS IS MUCH MORE IN KEEPING WITH THE STATUS WE RECOGNISE OF THOSE ENGAGED IN THE PROFESSION OF VALUERS. YOUR OWN INSTITUTE HAS DONE MUCH TO RAISE THIS STATUS

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AND I COMMEND IT ON ITS WORK IN PROMOTING A HIGH STANDARD OF INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE SCIENCE OF VALUATION.

YOUR PROGRAMME AS AN INSTITUTE OF CONDUCTING THESE ONE-DAY SEMINARS DOES MUCH TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS BOTH OF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS IN THE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES OF VALUERS AND I COMMEND YOU FOR IT.

IN DECLARING OPEN THIS SEMINAR FOR 1970, I TRUST THAT YOU WILL ALL DERIVE MUCH BENEFIT FROM THE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE.

I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING THIS SEMINAR OPEN.

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